

SAN ANTONIO CELEBRATES THE ARTS!

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WITH SO MANY SHOWS, MUSICALS AND ART EXHIBITIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, IT SEEMED LIKE NO BETTER TIME TO CELEBRATE THE ARTS THAN IN THE MONTH OF MARCH, WHERE RIVER CITY LOCALS AND TOURISTS ALIKE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE FINDING A SCULPTURE, PAINTING, TOURING SHOW OR CONCERT TO GAZE UPON.

CONTEMPORARY ART MONTH (CAM)

Celebrating the arts in the month of March would not be complete without a little help from this nonprofit organization that provides a platform for local artist communities to share event information on its website calendar. CAM will host its own annual event, the 2022 CAM Perennial Exhibition, from March 5 to April 6 at Southwest School of Art in downtown San Antonio, and March 10 to April 20 at Sala Diaz, an experimental contemporary art space located in Southtown. The work from 17 San Antonio-based artists will be featured.

The event this year will feature guest curator Lauren Cross, an interdisciplinary artist and filmmaker based in North Texas. Cross' work has been screened and exhibited across the country. A passionate advocate for diversity in the arts, her feature film, "The Skin Quilt Project," was an official selection for the 2010 International Black Women's Film Festival in Berkeley, CA. Cross is also a 2013 recipient of the Fort Worth Weekly Visionary Awards.

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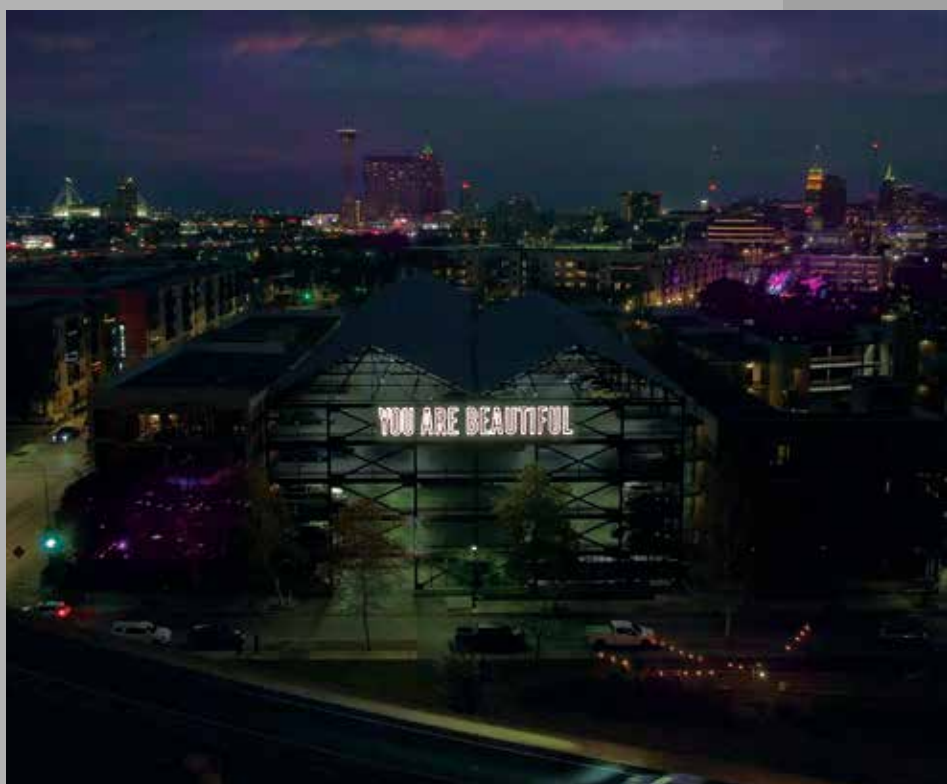
A new public artwork, created by Valence Group partners Robert Amerman, Richard Tobin II and Alexander Hilmy as a gift to the patrons and visitors of San Antonio, was recently unveiled at the intersection of 1221 Broadway and Roy Smith Street. Visible at high speed from Hwy.

281, as well as by pedestrians and pedalers, "the public art serves as a reminder of the importance of focusing on our individuality, our appreciation of others, and the beauty that brings us all together."

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Ballet San Antonio™ presents Don Quixote (March 4-6): Choreographed by Patrick Armand and adapted and staged by Sofiane Sylve and Rafael Ferreras, Spanish flair, castanets and tambourines are at the heart of Don Quixote, which will transport you to the old continent's most passionate country. Embark on Don Quixote's journey, together with many other hilarious characters, and follow him through the most entertaining and moving adventures. He will fight the windmills and fall in love with the beautiful Dulcinea, in a classic known for its color and humor.



Swan Lake





Bob Dylan

MAJESTIC THEATRE

Tootsie! (March 1-6): *Rolling Stone* called it “musical comedy heaven.” But you can just call it **TOOTSIE!** This gender bending, Tony Award-winning musical based on the 1982 Dustin Hoffman comedy about a talented but difficult actor who, struggling to find work, dresses as a woman to land a life-changing role, features a laugh-out-loud book and musical score packed with hilarious punchlines.

Chicago (March 10): The famed rock and roll group with the signature horn section that was the first American band to have an album in the Top 40 Billboard charts for six consecutive decades is coming to the Majestic to perform the hits that have proved the secret to Chicago’s musical longevity. Classic tunes like “25 or 6 to 4,” “Saturday in the Park” and many others during this tour-de-force show are concert favorites. 2022 marks the band’s 55th consecutive year of touring!

The Temptations & The Four Tops (March 11): Get ready, ‘cuz here they come! The Temps and the Tops, two legendary Motown groups, will sing, dance and sway their way into your heart with some old school soul that will have you singing along and reminiscing for one night only. As iconic groups that helped to solidify the Motown sound of the 1960s, The Temptations and the Four Tops are both Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees. And with hits like “My Girl,” “Baby I Need Your Loving,” “The Way You Do the Things You Do” and “Reach Out (I’ll Be There),” this show is sure to be more than the same old song.



Colbie Caillat

Jose Maria Napoleon (March 12): Known in his home country of Mexico and throughout Latin America as the “Poet of Song,” this award-winning singer, songwriter and actor is revered as one of the key influencers of the symphonic or “balada” movement of the 1970s, delicately layering orchestral arrangements with elements of traditional styles, from mariachi to rancheras to boleros. Audiences will be enthralled as Napoleon employs sophisticated orchestral and rock charts coupled with beautiful melodies.



Willie Nelson

Bob Dylan: “Rough and Rowdy Ways” Tour (March 13-14): The iconic “Like a Rolling Stone” singer-songwriter is bringing his rough and rowdy ways to the Alamo City with a world tour of the same name that will make a two-night stop at the Majestic. The tour, which kicked off in 2021, is slated to run through 2024.

Swan Lake (March 17): Those faithful to the tradition of this timeless ballet will appreciate the Russian Ballet Theatre’s new production of the Tchaikovsky classic that incorporates loving retouches complemented with the oldest St. Petersburg version of the ballet.

Rent: 25th Anniversary Farewell Tour (March 18-20): It is hard to believe it has been more than “five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes” since *Rent* made its Broadway debut, sweeping the Tony Awards and most of the country off its feet in the process. But at least 24 seasons of love have passed, and the touring company of the hit show will—it would seem—be hanging up its dancing shoes. Fortunately, there will be one last season to catch the love during the show’s two-day run at the Majestic. Don’t miss it!

Willie Nelson & Family (March 21-22): The red-headed stranger is on the road again! Armed with his signature braids, bandana and well-worn guitar, the author of classic Country hits like “Crazy,” “Whiskey River” and “Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain” will perform at the Majestic. Fresh off the heels of two new albums, a memoir with his sister Bobbie and his own new book, “Willie Nelson’s Letters to America,” Willie and the boys are sure to put on a heck of a show.



Centro de Atres, Richard Armendariz



The Four Tops

CHARLIE COMBS EMPIRE THEATRE

That Golden Girls Show! (March 10): Sing along to the theme song and strap yourself in for the hilarious adventures of America’s favorite TV



foursome from Miami in this brand-new show that parodies classic Golden Girls moments—in puppet form. From Sophia’s get-rich-quick schemes to Rose’s tales of St. Olaf to Blanche’s insatiable hunt for men and Dorothy’s daily struggle to make sense of her life, get set for an evening of cheesecake, laughter, Jazzercise, shoulder pads, sex and the elegant art of the quick-witted put down.

Colbie Caillat (March 17): The Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter will perform as part of a new tour to mark the 15th anniversary of her 2007 double platinum debut album, “COCO.” During the show, Caillat will perform the album in its entirety and share stories of how she wrote the songs and the recording process.

CENTRO DE ARTES GALLERY

NYFA Immigrant Artist Mentoring Program Exhibition (Now through July 3rd): This exhibit marks the gallery’s re-opening since the pandemic and is inspired by an immigrant program sponsored through the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), which pairs experienced artists as mentors to up-and-coming foreign-born or first-generation artists. Featuring works from artists representing

12 different countries from across the globe, the exhibit is free to the public and explores the unique and lived experiences of 34 San Antonio-based artists connected to the program. The Centro de Artes gallery is managed by the City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture and can be found in the heart of downtown’s Historic Market Square.

If Basketball is your art of choice, check out these college and high school tournaments in San Antonio!

AT&T CENTER

2022 NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball Regionals (March 24 & 26): The Road to the Final Four® stops in San Antonio at the AT&T Center when the University of Texas at San Antonio hosts the South Regional of the NCAA® March Madness® Sweet 16/Elite Eight.

ALAMODOME

2022 UIL Girls State Basketball Tournament (March 3) & **2022 UIL Boys State Basketball Tournament** (March 10-12): If you have attended a UIL Basketball Tournament before, you know the excitement and energy of the crowd makes for an unforgettable experience.

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